

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 30-31 remain pending in the application. Claims 23-29 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has determined that restriction is required to the claims of one of the following inventions: (a) Group I – claims 1-22 and 30-31, drawn to a hermetic connector assembly, classified in class 439, subclass 685, and; (b) Group II – claims 23-29, drawn to a method of making a connector assembly, classified in class 29.

Applicants hereby elect to continue with prosecution of the claims of Group I, claims 1-22 and 30-31 drawn to a hermetic connector assembly.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicants have cancelled claims 23-29, without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected claims.

In addition, cancellation of claims 23-29 from the pending application requires an amendment to the inventors named in the application because one of the currently-named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Consequently, accompanying this Response is an Amendment Requesting Deletion Of Inventors Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) together with the requisite fee.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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